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Biggest 'Pusher'

To the Editors: Failure of the present administration (and previous ones) to deal with the heart of the international drug problem is turning into one of the most dangerous situations of our times. Crash programs have been launched to curb the illegal drug traffic from countries such as France, Turkey and Iran, but nothing is being done to attack the flow of heroin from the world's biggest producer — you guessed it, Red China.

The CIA has been carefully studying a book dealing with Nasser's talks with Premier Chou En-lai in Cairo, in June, 1965. A highly respected Egyptian publisher and confidant of the late Pres. Nasser, Mohammed Heikal, reveals in his book

that Chou En-lai discussed the demoralization of American troops in Vietnam by the use of drugs. Chou reportedly said: "We are planting the best kind of opium especially for American soldiers in Vietnam. The effect the demoralization is going to have in the United States will be far greater than anyone realizes."

Despite U.S. intelligence reports from Vietnam, showing heroin being taken by our troops, there has been a deliberate effort by the administration to discount the fact of where the stuff is coming from. Reports indicate further that the heroin is so pure in Vietnam, it had to come from mainland China.

Perhaps the President had better forget that "peaceful" trip to Peking. In spite of his obvious sincerity, the feeling just does not appear mutual. Ah, those inscrutable orientals.

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